



## WA Elections Weekly

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### Voters' Pamphlets

We are getting some calls from voters wondering if they are going to receive a statewide voters' pamphlet for the Primary. As you know, we have been unsuccessful with our attempts to get legislative funding for a statewide primary pamphlet in years past.

Special thanks to those of you that produced a pamphlet for the Primary.

The best way for voters to access candidate information is to log in to MyVote, where they can view their online personal voters' guide. We have directed voters without internet access to their local library, and in many cases, printed and mailed the material directly to them. Many libraries are printing out the material and making it available to their patrons as well.

Please direct your callers to MyVote. As always, you're also welcome to direct callers to our hotline at 800-448-4881.

We'll be going back to the Legislature this year to seek funding again. Hopefully having these testimonials from our voters will help us succeed.

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### Data Collection Improvements

Last week, we met with folks from Pew to discuss how we can better capture, visualize, and learn from elections and voter registration data. In the coming months, we'll be putting together a pilot working group of county auditors to evaluate how we collect data and ways we can improve our data collection efforts. Pew will help us convene the group and even start helping us better visualize the data we currently have. We're looking forward to using this data to identify and share best practices across the counties with the goal of making Washington elections even better than they are today. We're doing this work in part as a result of [House Bill 2852](#) which

passed the legislature this last session.

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## On the horizon...

Recount questions seem to crop up almost as soon as results are uploaded. For questions from the public or media, here's our friendly [Recount FAQ](#).

For more details about how to determine when a recount is needed, see these [Questions of the Day \(2014\)](#).

**In the Primary, which candidates are recounted?** Recounts are triggered by the difference between the 2nd and 3rd place candidates only. Remember, there are no mandatory recounts if the 1st and 2nd place candidates are close.

**Is it possible for a close race between two write-in candidates to trigger a recount (in the Primary)?** Yes.

**What is the Secretary of State's role in recounts?** If a recount involves a Congressional, Statewide or Legislative office, we are required to conduct a [special review](#) before the recount takes place.

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## Reminder | Results Upload Test

The results upload test in WEI Admin for the Primary will be **Thursday, July 28 at 2:00 p.m.** You should have received a calendar invitation with all the links and steps to complete the test upload. If no one from your county is able to participate in the test, please e-mail [WEISupport@sos.wa.gov](mailto:WEISupport@sos.wa.gov) and someone from EIS will perform a test upload on your behalf.

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## Deadline | August 9

Per [WAC 434-219-340](#), August 9 is the final day to submit reimbursement requests for the Presidential Primary.

The Secretary of State will be unable to reimburse claims received after August 9. Send a signed, complete [A19 Form and Election Cost Summary](#) to [ctsupport@sos.wa.gov](mailto:ctsupport@sos.wa.gov).

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## USPS | August 2 Election Mail Webinar

On August 2, 11:00 a.m. (2:00 EDT), the USPS will hold a webinar to provide essential information for mail owners and Mail Service Providers. If you wish to participate, the July 26 [Industry Alert](#) contains registration information.

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## Election Administrator Certification | Sponsored Classes

Looking for classes that qualify for Election Administrator Certification? The classes for a certificate in Election Administration, through the University of Minnesota are Secretary of State sponsored classes and may be claimed as "election-specific." You can find more information on the University's [website](#).

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## USPS | Voting by Mail Report

"The New Realites of Voting by Mail in 2016" by Tammy Patrick is now available on the [Bipartisan Policy Center website](#). The paper contains recommendations for voters, election officials, legislators, and the USPS.

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## President Obama Encourages Voter Registration

A new video sponsored by TurboVote features President Obama doing five things that are harder than registering to vote. [Watch it here!](#)

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